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SUBJECT: PRO-NKOMO ANC MEETING DEMANDS MUZOREWA RETURN TO RHODESIA

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1. AFRICAN NATIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, MEETING IN SALISBURY SEPT 7, HAS REPORTEDLY SCHEDULED FULL ANC CONGRESS MEETING FOR SEPT 27/28 IN SALISBURY. ACCORDING PRESS REPORTS FROM SALISBURY, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WHICH IS DOMINATED BY SUPREME DECISION-MAKING ORGAN OF ANC. MEETING CONDEMNED APPOINTMENTS MADE TO ZIMBABWE LIBERATION COUNCIL AND REJECTED DECISION BY ZLC TO REMOVE JOHN NKOMO AND SIMON MZENDA AS ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARIES FOR ANC EXTERNAL WING IN LUSAKA.

2. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WAS STRONGLY CRITICAL OF ANC CHAIRMAN MUZOREWA'S CONTINUED ABSENCE FROM RHODESIA AND CALLED UPON HIM TO RETURN TO SALISBURY IMMEDIATELY. THEY ALSO ACCUSED MUZOREWA OF EFFORTS TO WHITTLE AWAY AND FLOUT AUTHORITY OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, ALLEGING HE HAS FORMED THREE-MAN JUNTA TO "USURP UNCLASSIFIED

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3. MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE INDICATED THEY WOULD NOT ATTEND ANC MEETING CALLED FOR SEPT 21 BY VICE PRES GABELLAH "SINCE THEY HAD ALREADY DEALT WITH ALL IMPORTANT MATTERS" BUT ADDED THEY WOULD ATTEND IF MUZOREWA DID ALSO.

4. EXECCOM ALSO ENDORSED STAND TAKEN BY ANC NEGOTIATING TEAM IN VICTORIA FALLS BRIDGE TALKS, EXPRESSED STRONG VIEW SMITH IS NOT SERIOUS ABOUT PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT, AND TOOK EXCEPTION TO SMITH EFFORTS TO DICTATE MEMBERSHIP OF ANC DELEGATION. AARON NDABAMBI AND WILLIAM KONA DESIGNATED TO BEAR RESULTS OF THE MEETING TO PRESIDENTS OF ZAMBIA, MOZAMBIQUE, TANZANIA, AND BOTSWANA AND TO MUZOREWA.

5. PRESS REPORTS NOTE THAT EXEC COM MEETING ATTENDED BY ONLY 37 OF 55 MEMBERS WHO REGULARLY ATTEND ITS MEETINGS IN SALISBURY. MOST FORMER ZAPU MEMBERS WERE ABSENT AS WERE ANC VICE PRES GABELLAH AND SECGEN CHAVUNDUKA.

6. COMMENT: EXECCOM ACTION, WHILE CAREFULLY AVOIDING CRITICISM OF MUZOREWA S HANDLING OF BRIDGE TALKS WITH SMITH, NEVERTHELESS HAS THROWN DOWN GAUNTLET OVER ISSUE OF ZLC AND, BY EXTENSION, FUTURE OF MUZOREWA AS LEADER OF ANC. LATTER S CONTINUED ABSENCE NOT ONLY FROM SALISBURY BUT FROM LUSAKA AT THIS CRITICAL JUNCTURE IS NOT ENHANCING PROSPECTS FOR PRESERVING THE INCREASINGLY DIVIDED ANC FROM BREAKING UP INTO ITS COMPONENT PARTS.  
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